



PREVENTION PROGRESS

Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

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ADCANP Executive Director, Sallye Longshore, Elected to Serve Two-Year Term on the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds' Board of Directors.



Members of the Alliance are catalysts for the development of community-based child abuse and neglect prevention programs in their states. They are incubators for innovative new programs and services related to strengthening families to prevent child abuse and neglect.

The Alliance supports and strengthens state Children's Trust and Prevention Funds in their vital roles, promotes awareness of the importance of strengthening families to prevent child abuse and neglect, advocates for increased public and private funding for community-based child abuse and neglect prevention activities and collaborates with other national child abuse prevention organizations to help ensure the safety and well-being of children throughout the country.



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Request for Proposal (RFP)

Tentative Training Schedule

This year, the Department will be conducting regional RFP training in North, Central and South Alabama that will begin February 25th. Because we have a new application process that starts this year, it will be even more important for you to participate in the training provided in your area. Training at each location is set to begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 3:00 p.m. A tentative agenda will be posted on our website by the end of January 2015.

♦ NORTH ALABAMA

Date: Wednesday, February 25th

Location: The AeroSpace Training Center Lecture Hall
Calhoun Community College
6520 Highway 31
North Tanner, Alabama

♦ CENTRAL ALABAMA

Date: Thursday, February 26th

Location: Alabama Power Conference Center (Water Course)
Alabama Room
2030 Seventh Street South
Clanton, Alabama

♦ SOUTH ALABAMA

Date: Friday, February 27th

Location: Red Cross Building
35 North Sage Avenue
Mobile, Alabama

EXTRA! EXTRA!
Read All About It!



New Grant Application Process

Spread the word! The Department is truly going paperless for the 2015-2016 Grant Application process. Thanks to a new grant subscription through Foundant Technologies, grantees will have the ability to apply for funding online with upload and electronic submission capabilities.

Stay Tuned! More information about the new process will be sent out to current grantees and posted on our website.

Seasons Greetings,

I want to begin by thanking so many of our grantees for hosting productive, educational and rewarding check presentation events across our great state! It was especially beneficial for me to hear from the many families you serve. Having their testimonials as part of so many of the check presentations was also important for those elected officials present to hear. Working together we can positively influence those elected officials and successfully tell our stories concerning how evident our work of preventing child maltreatment impacts all of our communities.



I recently returned from the annual meeting of the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds. I am proud to report that I have been elected to represent you and Alabama on their Board of Directors. As such, I will gain cutting-edge information regarding pertinent research and strategies relating to our work. I am also pleased that Alabama leads the other member states in the numbers of certified people completing the "Protective Factors Framework" of seven modules. This is a requirement of our grantees and underscores this agency's commitment to providing you the very best tools to aid you in your job of working to prevent child abuse and neglect.

The National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds offers many other resources on their web site, so I encourage you to visit this site often (www.ctfalliance.org). Our CTF web site offers you a direct link to their site. I also would like to share that we are busy planning regional trainings on the new Request For Proposal. We will be sending notices of the training soon, but you can "Save the Dates" of February 25, 26 and 27th with places, times and agendas to follow.

Finally, let me take the time during this busy Holiday Season to thank you again for the marvelous jobs each of you is doing every day to give hope to children and families. Strengthening families' resiliency, offering them needed resources, and impacting the communities in which you serve should give us all a sense of peace during this special time of the year.

Best always,



In May, the Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force convened for its first meeting. The Task Force has met three times since its inception and is working to bring awareness, resources and solutions to this ever-growing problem nationally and in Alabama. Members of the Task Force include Representative Jack Williams and Senator Cam Ward and many agency and organization representatives, including the Attorney General, Public Safety, Department of Human Resources, Department of Education, Children's Advocacy Centers, and our agency.



**27 Million
Slaves**

More than at any
other time in the
history of the world.

And it is happening
in our own

END IT ALABAMA!

**Alabama
Human Trafficking Summit**

January 30, 2015

First Baptist Church

305 S. Perry Street, Montgomery, AL

9 a.m.—4:45 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$50.00 per person

Continuing Education Units Available

Call Pat McCay at 256-653-8527 for more information

Mandatory Reporting

We are all responsible for making sure that children have the ability to grow up in a safe environment.

Professionals Required to Report

Citation: Ala. Code § 26-14-3

The following persons are required to report:

- Doctors, medical examiners, dentists, nurses, or pharmacists
- School teachers or officials
- Law enforcement officials
- Daycare workers or social workers
- Members of the clergy

Any other person called upon to render aid or medical assistance to a child

Reporting by Other Persons

Citation: Ala. Code § 26-14-4

Any other person who has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is being abused or neglected may report.

“Any person who shall knowingly fail to make the report required by this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a sentence of not more than 6 months’ imprisonment or a fine not more than \$500.00.”

Citation: Ala. Code § 26-14-13

Check Presentations



District 1—Mobile



District 6—Pelham



District 6—Pelham



District 2—Enterprise



District 4—Gadsden



District 1—Bay Minette



District 5—Tanner



District 2—Enterprise



District 6—Birmingham



District 7—Selma

Program's That Make A Difference

My Story

Before I joined the Northwest Alabama Responsible Parenting Program my life had been a slow journey thru hell and I had just jumped on a fast moving train. I was the engineer and my passengers was opiates and benzo's. Crack cocaine was my best friend so he sat up front beside me, always had one hand on the steering wheel and the other holding mine. On March 18th 2014 my train was derailed by arrest. As I lay in Lauderdale County jail for 30 days I lost my children, my home, my job, my car....everything I had owned was now gone. My driver's license, social security card, birth certificate, every piece of identity I had was gone (in some sense that was a blessing). I didn't want to be known as the person I had become. I detoxed in Lauderdale County jail and as soon as the burns on my thumb and hands (from striking that crack lighter over and over) healed. I stretched my hands out to God and asked for his grace and mercy. He gave me a chance to be redeemed. He began putting people in my life to help get me on the right road – no “tracks” this time. That is when I was introduced to Ron Collier and Jackie Baker with NARP....and this is how my life has changed after their help and assistance through counseling and parenting classes. I have been clean 6 months. I have obtained employment, a home, my children are being returned to me this month. They helped me get all my material identification back, same birth certificate still had my name on it, same driver's license with same picture, same social security card displaying original number and name, everything I needed to prove my identity but actually it was all false because I wasn't that person anymore. I'm still growing and changing. Through the classes I've learned how to build a strong family. To have a strong commitment to each other, have open communication skills, spiritual wellness and the ability to cope with each other when problems arise. I have gained the knowledge to be and to raise my children to be strong productive members of society. Ron Collier has taught me one of the most valuable and important lessons of life. I will pass this lesson on, not only to my family but to many other families as well. He said “if you don't teach discipline to your children, they will be disciples of nothing”. I thank God and the people responsible for designing this program. It has been life changing for myself and family. Thank you Ron and Jackie for caring and believing in me.



~Carolyn Watson

September 2014

Volunteering to Help Those in Need in the Community

Members of the Dallas County Children's Policy Council (shown below) helped to renovate an old school for at-risk youth. The school is now called Hope Academy! The Hope Academy is one of the most exciting things that's happened in East Selma in a long time. This is already having an effect on the neighborhood nearby.....hope is a powerful thing.



Dallas County Children's Policy Council represent one of our Grantees in District 7.



The holidays are here! However, there are more than a few hazards lurking among your festive preparations. Here are five important safety tips:

1 BE CAREFUL WITH CANDLES:



Nothing kindles the holiday spirit like candles, but those are open flames in your house! In a three-year span, candle fires caused around 130 deaths and \$360 million in damage. If you're leaving the house or going to sleep, blow out all of your candles first!

2 PROTECT YOUR KIDS AND PETS:



Holiday decorations can easily be mistaken for a shiny snack. Keep bite-sized ornaments out of reach and remember that mistletoe, poinsettia and holly berries are toxic. It's best to avoid these if you have kids or pets.

3 BE SAFE WITH HOLIDAY LIGHTS:



About 1,300 people are sent to the emergency room every year due to holiday light accidents. Before you plug yours in, check for frayed wires, damaged sockets and gaps in the insulation. If you find problems, toss the lights.

4 PREPARE FOR GREASE FIRES:



Your kitchen will probably see a lot of action this season, and grease can ignite without warning. Keep a fire extinguisher handy, and if you wind up in a pinch, remember that flour and baking soda also squelch grease flames. Water does not!

5 CLIMB LADDERS RESPONSIBLY:



Each year, more than 164,000 people visit the emergency room because of a ladder accident. Decorations often call for a climb, so be safe by always keeping three body parts in contact with the ladder at all times.

Sources: Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) // American Red Cross

www.brightnest.com

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GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Ms. Lucienne Wood works hard all year creating gifts for those children that are less fortunate in our state. One of her special talents, besides giving, is knitting. Twice a year, Ms. Wood donates dozens of items she has worked on all year long. In the past, she has donated vests, hats, booties and blankets. The blankets are donated to participants in the Cribs for Kids program and the other items have been donated to various group homes. Ms. Wood grew up in a foster home and said she just wanted to do something to help children. Thank you Ms. Wood for making a difference in the lives of children!



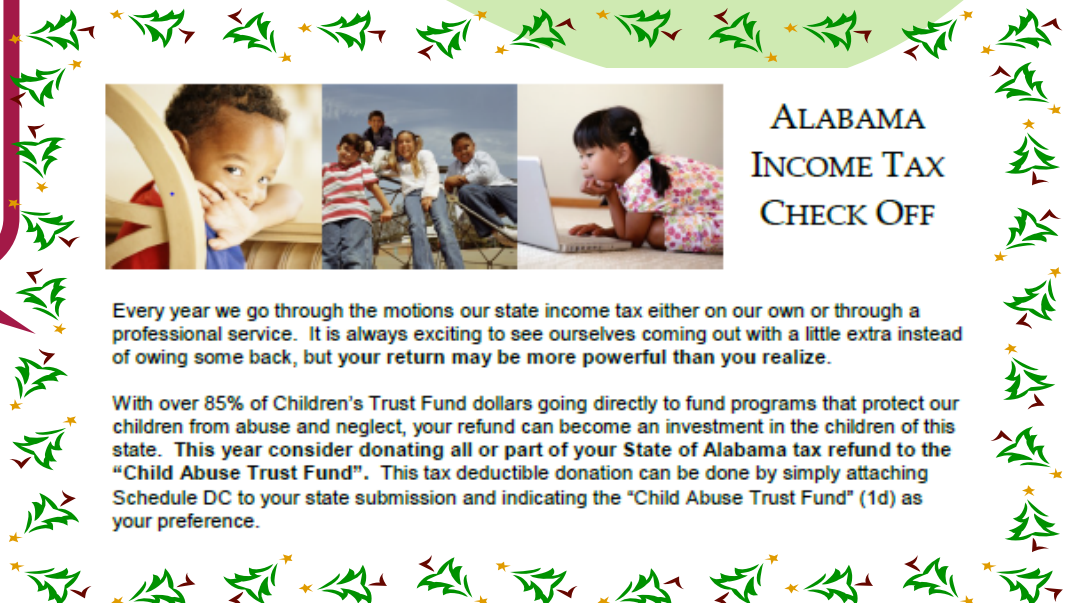
SPEAKING OF GIVING



ALABAMA INCOME TAX CHECK OFF

Every year we go through the motions our state income tax either on our own or through a professional service. It is always exciting to see ourselves coming out with a little extra instead of owing some back, but your return may be more powerful than you realize.

With over 85% of Children's Trust Fund dollars going directly to fund programs that protect our children from abuse and neglect, your refund can become an investment in the children of this state. This year consider donating all or part of your State of Alabama tax refund to the "Child Abuse Trust Fund". This tax deductible donation can be done by simply attaching Schedule DC to your state submission and indicating the "Child Abuse Trust Fund" (1d) as your preference.



Perfect Christmas Gifts

Christmas is just right around the corner and many of you are probably wondering what you'll give your loved ones this year. With the pressures of holiday shopping and the crowds to contend with, there is one gift that is not only easy to purchase, but truly keeps on giving the whole year through. Why not buy a "Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect" specialty license plate? All it takes is the VIN number from the car and you can personalize it with any six letters or numerals . . . Or let them decide! The nominal cost will go a long way in helping the Department continue to fund community-based prevention programs and is tax deductible. Your loved one will not only thank you, but you will know you are helping those who can not help themselves. If you have any questions about getting the specialty plate, please call us at (334) 262-2951 or visit our website at ctf.alabama.gov and we will be glad to help.



Another great way to give during this holiday season is to make a donation to the *Children's Trust Fund*. You can make a **tax-deductible donation** in honor of someone or as a memorial. Contributions are used to fund local child abuse prevention programs right here in Alabama. Donations can be made directly on our website at ctf.alabama.gov.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention secures resources to fund evidence-based community programs committed to the prevention of child maltreatment; we advocate for children and the strengthening of families.



Front Row (left to right): Karen Porter, Anita L. Archie, Nancy Sewell, Margaret Mitchell Brown and Maranda Brown
Back Row: Myron C. Gargis, Jamey Durham, Mary Ashcraft, Beth Chapman, James Slaughter and Clinton L. Johnson

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